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Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Executive Secretariat

18 July 1986

NOTE FOR: Chief History Staff

Ken:

Attached is the letter I sent in response
to the request for information re the OSS
School at Bad Orb. (That I mentioned to you
in our meeting Thursday).



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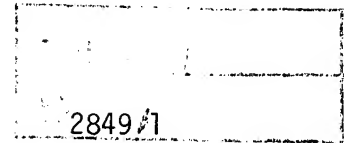


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Washington, D.C. 20505



15 July 1986

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Dear [redacted]

The Director asked that I respond to your 23 June request for information with regard to the OSS's School at Bad Orb.

We have searched the files still in our possession, and I regret to inform you that most of the records dealing with the Bad Orb School have already been destroyed. We did, however, find some reference to the school in other files. Copies of that material--which has been declassified--are attached; I regret the quality is not the best. I have also taken the liberty of attaching a sample of the forms used by the school to evaluate students.

In addition, when you next correspond with Mr. John Taylor of the National Archives, following are references you can cite to him as the possible source of information which may be of interest to you:

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I regret that we were unable to provide any additional materials; nevertheless, I hope what we have provided proves useful in your research efforts.

Very truly yours,



Executive Secretary

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Attachments



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11 July 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR:

[redacted]
DCI Records Management Officer

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FROM:

[redacted]
Executive Secretary
Strategic Services Unit

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SUBJECT:

Response to Letter to DCI From
[redacted]

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1. In his letter of 23 June 1986, [redacted] requested information regarding the Office of Strategic Services School in Bad Orb, Germany in 1945. The records on the Bad Orb School were largely destroyed in a file reduction program a few years ago. We did, however, find some references to the School in other files, and copies of that material are attached (the copies are the best quality available). Also attached is a sample of two forms used by the School to evaluate students. These forms may prove useful to [redacted] study. One memorandum concerning OSS participation in the School cannot be released because it remains classified. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] should be advised that when he again corresponds with Mr. John Taylor of the National Archives, the following two references will assist Mr. Taylor in his search for information of possible interest:

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[redacted]
Executive Secretary
Strategic Services Unit

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Remarks Per our conversation, please provide any available information that the DCI could use in his response to

Executive Secretary
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June 23, 1986

The Hon. William Casey
Director
The Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505-0000

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Dear Sir:

Would it be within the realm of possibility that either you, personally, or your Agency, might have information or records in regards to the initial formation, organization, and operations of the : REGIMENTAL RESERVE DETACHMENT (LIAISON) attached to the LIAISON SCHOOL of the OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES at BAD ORB, in what is now the Federal Republic of Germany, during 1944-1945 ?

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I have a desire to write a history of that specific unit so that its operations and work during those years is not lost.

Mr. John E. Taylor, Archivist, National Archives & Records Administration, has been of considerable help in my efforts, and hopefully, he will continue to be of such help, but, knowing that you were personally involved with the OSS in those years in Europe, I thought that perhaps you might be able to offer some further help in this endeavor.

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Sincerely yours.